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I am honored to be nominated for the position of Secretary for Region V.

I have been with Oklahoma State University in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for 19 years in research administration. I started out in the department of Forestry leading a financial team and doing both pre and post-award. I realized I wanted to learn more about research administration, so I joined the Ag Sponsored Programs office as an accounting specialist in 2011. I went on to become a grants and contracts specialist, manager, and eventually director of Ag Sponsored Programs in 2021. I received my CRA in 2018.

My involvement with NCURA has grown as my career has progressed. I attended the NCURA national meeting and served as a volunteer at the registration table. This opportunity allowed me to meet people and become increasingly involved at the regional level. I was able to serve as an At-Large member on the Region V board during 2023. I was also able to help with the program committee during that year.

In 2024, I have been serving as the volunteer coordinator for Region V and have worked with the program committee. I truly enjoy helping people be more involved in NCURA and in our Region. I have served as a moderator and presented at the regional meeting for the last 2 years.

The professional development that NCURA provides is crucial to research administration and has benefited me in so many ways. The people I have enjoyed getting to know and learn from have meant so much to me. I've also enjoyed seeing others grow and develop from being a part of NCURA.

If elected as secretary, it is my goal to continue the commitment to excellence, growth, and service that I have been so fortunate to be a part of in NCURA and Region V.